

In response to the Examiner's restriction/election requirement, Applicant elects, with traverse, to prosecute Group I including claims 1-10, 33-37 and 40-42. Applicant specifically reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to non elected claims 11-32 and 38-39.

With respect to Applicant's traversal, according to MPEP §803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without a serious burden, the Examiner *must* examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. As evidence of the undue burden, the Examiner has listed that class 324/subclass 765 is to be searched for Group I, class 324/subclass 763 is to be searched for Group II. In view of: i) the likelihood that a significant portion of the patents belonging in class 324/subclass 765 would also be classified in class 324/subclass 763, and ii) the fact that the computer searching software used by the Examiner enables the Examiner to combine the search for patents in multiple subclasses without having to view duplicates, the search of the extra subclass(es) would not amount to an undue burden on the Examiner to consider all of claims 1-42. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner rejoins Groups II with Group I.

For all of the above stated reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding restriction/election requirement and favorable allowance of all claims in the instant application are earnestly solicited.